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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Documents A1, B1-B3 and C1-C13, listed on Form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

Enclosed is a Search Report, which was issued by the European Patent Office in the European application corresponding to the captioned application and communicated on August 31, 2001. The Search Report lists Documents B1-B2 and C1-C11. U.S. Patent No. 5,977,310, which corresponds to document No. B1 (EP 0 816 381), is provided as document A1. An English language version of the Categories identified on the Search Report is provided.

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Consideration of all the documents cited on Form PTO-1449 is requested.

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